

Last White House Reception

Official Season At White House Comes to Close

Ellis Home Scene Of Dinner Party For Many Guests

Mrs. McCormick The Honor Guest Of Mrs. Belmont

The official season at the White House went out last night in a blaze of glory attendant upon the last state reception, that in honor of the army and navy.

The Blue Room was well filled with the guests of honor long before the Presidential party descended the stairs and took their places in the line, and in a very brief space of time the crowd from the reception room was promading the corridor, East Room, or congregating in interesting groups in the Green Room.

The Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver and Miss Oliver were the first to greet the President. They were followed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry and Miss Newberry. Then began the long line of guests who came in carriages and on foot, to greet the Chief Executive and the First Lady of the Land, including a number of prominent out-of-town people.

General and Mrs. Grant.

Chief of the General Staff J. Franklin Bell and Mrs. Bell were accompanied by Gen. and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant, who are the house guests of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Belmont.

General and Mrs. Grant held a little court of their own wherever they stood, as did the Governor of Massachusetts and Mrs. Curtis Guild, Jr.

Baron Takahira, Japan's new ambassador, was the center of attraction, and was constantly surrounded by hosts of his former friends and admirers, who wished to renew their friendly relations. The ambassador wore numerous decorations, and seemed highly delighted with the attentions showered upon him. Not the least military looking uniform displayed was that worn by Major Tanaka, military attaché of the Japanese embassy, who accompanied the ambassador.

General Grant and Major Tanaka were seen in close conference in the Blue Room for some minutes, and some one laughingly suggested that they were "sizing each other up."

Women's Costumes.

Well suited to the handsome military and naval uniforms worn by the masculine contingent present were the beautiful costumes of the women.

Mrs. Roosevelt was assisted in receiving by the Cabinet hostesses, Mrs. Fairbanks being unable to take her accustomed place in the line, was becomingly attired in a gown of dark blue pompadour silk and point lace.

Mrs. Root, who stood next in line, wore a costume of pale blue brocade, and Mrs. Cortelyou wore cream satin with trimmings of gold lace.

Mrs. Bonaparte.

Mrs. Bonaparte, wife of the Attorney General, wore peach colored satin, with yellow lace and diamond ornaments; Mrs. Meyer, black velvet with diamond and pearls; Mrs. Metcalf, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, heavy blue blue satin embroidered with roses; Mrs. Garfield, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, turquoise blue pique velvet, and Mrs. Straus, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, white satin embroidered in gold.

Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant wore white satin, beautifully embroidered in a trailing design; Mrs. Newberry, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, white lace with gold and silver ornaments; Mrs. Newberry, white lace with a garniture of white rose-buds on the top of the bodice; Hon. Violet Vivian, white satin with trimmings of silver and gold; Miss Cannon, daughter of the Speaker, blue satin; Mrs. Timmons, daughter of the President, white satin with a wide blue liberty sash, with a twist of ribbon of the same shade in her hair; Mrs. Truchaut, daughter of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, white satin; Mrs. Sims, wife of Lieutenant Commander Sims, pale blue satin; Mrs. Cowles, wife of Rear Admiral Cowles, black lace; Mrs. Carow, white net, with ruching of satin; Mrs. Oliver, wife of the Assistant Secretary of War, gray satin, with a diamond tiara and a cluster of orchids on her corsage; Mrs. Loeb, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, black satin; the Misses Meyer, daughters of the Postmaster General and Mrs. Meyer, each with a band of white ribbon and double rosettes in her corsage, a string of pearls about her throat, and a corsage cluster of American Beauties, and Miss Hagner, in white lace over pink silk.

Mrs. Longworth wore blue satin and brocade velvet, with touches of yellow, and a diamond tiara and a cluster of orchids on her corsage; Mrs. Loeb, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, black satin; the Misses Meyer, daughters of the Postmaster General and Mrs. Meyer, each with a band of white ribbon and double rosettes in her corsage, a string of pearls about her throat, and a corsage cluster of American Beauties, and Miss Hagner, in white lace over pink silk.

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Mrs. and Mrs. Franklin Ellis entertained at dinner last evening in their home on Pennsylvania avenue. Their guests were the Minister from Belgium and Bureaux Moncheur, Senator Arthur, the Counselor of the French Embassy and Mme. des Portes, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Keep, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Story, Miss Wetmore, Miss Josephine Patten, Mr. Justice Moody, Baron Haymerle, and Mr. do Amaral, of the Brazilian Embassy.

Mrs. Johnston's Tea.

A Washington's Birthday tea will be given February 22, from 4 to 7 o'clock, by Mrs. Sanders Johnston at her new home, 182 Fifteenth street.

The tea will be in the nature of a house warming, complimentary not only to her own friends, but to those of her late husband, and his, Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnston, affiliated with the various patriotic societies, including the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the Columbia Historical Society, the Literary Society, the Aztec Club, and the Mexican Veterans. No cards have been issued.

Miss Saville was hostess at a luncheon Thursday, the guests were Miss Totten, Miss Edith Davidge, Mrs. Vogelgesang, Mrs. Walter Peter, Mrs. Thomas Washington, Mrs. William Henry, Mrs. Charles Bradley, Mrs. Reeve Lewis, Mrs. Sinclair Bowen, Miss Burroughs, and Mrs. Clark Wagman.

Students' Ball.

The students' ball at the New Willard Hotel this evening, promises to be one of the most successful social functions of the season. Mrs. Charles E. Monroe, president of the board of lady managers of the George Washington University Hospital, will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. Charles W. Needham, Mrs. Charles W. Richardson, Mrs. H. C. Yarow, and Mrs. J. H. Crawford. The introductions will be made by H. W. Houghton, president of the Association of Class Presidents of the University. The students' floor committee will be as follows:

Harry W. Houghton, Ira B. McNeal, R. L. Newhouse, George Poole, George F. Peck, Charles R. Pettin, H. B. Pearce, W. E. Pearce, H. A. Peyton, Leon Pfeiffer, W. C. Carpenter, A. B. Reavis, S. F. Sherwood, E. O. Reed, A. H. Stewart, O. P. H. Scott, W. H. Schrader, H. A. Floyd, W. F. Seward, J. F. Seller, W. W. Singleton, H. M. Taylor, J. Tewksbury, F. N. Thibault, R. C. Van Vleck, R. D. Wolfe, H. L. Johnson, G. P. Walton, H. J. Warner, Charles Wheatley, Joseph Whittem, H. N. Walters, C. E. Young.

Mrs. Herbert Mifflin Hall was hostess at a luncheon yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Hall was assisted in receiving by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mack Washburn, and Mrs. Woolsey Aspinwall presided at the punch bowl.

There were many guests, most of the older residents of the city. Mrs. Hall wore her wedding gown of heavy cream satin and duchess lace.

Mrs. James Brown Scott, of Calvert street, will not receive tomorrow.

Mrs. Gordon-Cumming is still confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. L. B. Swormstedt will be at home today for the last time this season. Her sister, Miss Godfrey, who has been her guest for some time, and who is departing very shortly, will be with her.

Mrs. Traub, wife of Captain Traub, of West Point, is the guest of General and Mrs. Aleshire.

Mrs. Watherspoon will not be at home today, but will receive next Friday.

Mrs. Derol and Miss Mason will not receive today.

Mrs. Morrison entertained at luncheon yesterday in her home on S street. Covers were laid for fourteen.

The guests were Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Alfred Gage, Mrs. Soule, Mrs. Vanderer, Mrs. D'Arcy McGee, Mrs. Dalgleish, Mrs. John L. Pictet, Miss Weber, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Marjorie Morris, Mrs. Butts, Mrs. Wadell.

After the luncheon Mrs. Morrison's guests, several of whom are well-known socialists, gave a delightful musical program.

Mrs. Morrison wore a gray messaline silk gown trimmed with rose point lace. The decorations were pink and white carnations and tulips and asparagus fern.

Mrs. Carl A. Droop, 1365 Irving street, will be at home tomorrow today.

Mrs. Arthur D. Kinne and Mrs. Clarke, her guest, will be at home tomorrow.

Mrs. George Thomas Smallwood, vice regent of the District of Columbia, will be at home this evening to the visiting and residing daughters of the American Revolution, at 2107 S street.

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J. G. Pattee Co.

Our store will be closed tomorrow, Washington's Birthday, after 1 P.M.

1331 G Street N. W.

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Mrs. Richard E. Claughton will not be at home today, but will receive next Friday.

Mrs. L. A. Coolidge will not be at home today.

Mrs. Howard S. Reeside will receive for the last time this season Saturday, February 23.

Mrs. Harley Calvin Gage will not receive today in her home on Dupont Circle, but will be at home next Friday.

Mrs. Richard Butler will not receive today, but will be at home the last Friday in February.

Mrs. M. E. Power, of 22 H street northwest, entertained at dinner Thursday in honor of Miss Violet Rio and Richard Bartlett.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Widener, H. B. Merrett, R. B. Watson, Mrs. and Mrs. J. Baruch, Miss May Power, Miss Margaret Power, and Miss Anita Power.

The M. O. C.'s have issued invitations for their third dance, which will be held this evening. This will be the last dance until after Lent.

The reception and floor committee is composed of Miss Louise R. O'Brien, Miss Grace Lynch, Miss Mary Collier, Miss Nell Collier, and Miss Blanche Cooksey.

The committee on music is Miss Louise Potzler, Miss Caroline Dove and Miss Margaret Gill.

The refreshment committee will be Miss May Healey, Miss M. Holland and Miss A. Holland.

The chaperons will be Mrs. R. A. O'Brien, Mrs. C. E. Collier and Mrs. P. O. Roman.

Mrs. Horace Pierson, of Fairmont street, is entertaining at a luncheon today.

Miss Henry's Luncheon.

Miss Effie Henry, of Fairmont street, entertained at a luncheon of twelve covers, complimentary to Mrs. Edwards and Miss Jessie Loucks.

Mrs. Edwards will sail with her husband, who is now stationed at Fort Washington, for the Philippines, February 25.

Miss Jessie Loucks will be married to John Clarence Parsons, March 4. They will go to Panama, where Mr. Parsons is stationed, immediately after their marriage.

The guests were Mrs. Edwards, Miss Jessie Loucks, Miss Perry, of Fort Washington; Mrs. Hatch, of Belmont, Wis., a sister of the bride-elect; Miss Demorest, Miss Brigham, Miss Morris, Miss Alice Hatch, Miss Rousseau, and Mrs. Pierson.

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NEGRO CONFESSES SNATCHING PURSE

Forced to Admit Crime When Identified by Mrs. Williams.

George Shreeves, Caught After Struggle, Also Acknowledges Burglary.

Mrs. Janette Williams, of Brentwood, D. C., today identified George Shreeves, a negro, twenty-three years old, as her assailant and the man who wrested her pocketbook from her hand in front of former Commissioner Hines' residence at Third and T streets northwest on December 12.

Other women victims of thugs and pocketbook snatchers will be given opportunities to see the negro before he is placed on trial.

Although Shreeves, a nephew of Dorsey Foulty, who was arrested last evening, has confessed his guilt in the case of Mrs. Williams and admitted that he robbed three houses, police of the Eighth precinct, who know his criminal record, say they are convinced that he has figured in many robberies. Today Shreeves was rigidly cross-questioned by Policemen Sweeney and Waldron, but he says he is guilty in only four cases. Shreeves will not be taken to the Police Court until he has been thoroughly "sweated" and the police are satisfied that he has confessed to all cases in which he was implicated.

Used Knife on Captor.

Shreeves was recognized at the Eighth precinct by Sweeney, to whom much credit is due for the capture. A telephone message was received at the station last night and the station clerk was informed that a drunken man was lying on the steps of 509 Florida avenue northwest. Policeman Munde was dispatched to the house. As he neared the steps the negro jumped up and ran. Munde pursued. Shreeves fell on his head after running some distance and received a severe scalp wound. He was not struck by the policeman. When Munde placed Shreeves under arrest the negro drew a knife and cut the policeman's coat to shreds. Munde finally overpowered him and took him to the Eighth precinct station on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest.

As the negro was being led back to a cell, Policemen Sweeney and Waldron started to question the prisoner. He admitted having snatched a pocketbook from Mrs. Williams, at Third and T streets northwest, on December 12. Mrs. Williams is the wife of the superintendent of the city post office. Shreeves says he broke into Charles Barber's residence, 519 Euclid street, where he stole a watch and some clothing. He also confessed to having robbed Mrs. Elizabeth Carter's residence, and at the time of his arrest was wearing clothing belonging to John Carter, of 78 Harvard street northwest.

Young Confederate Caught.

Daniel Shorter, colored, sixteen years old, who was arrested on charges of breaking into the home of Lucy Valentine, 333 Gerard street northwest, and who says he was in partnership with Shreeves to rob houses and snatch pocketbooks, will be given a hearing in the Juvenile Court.

Shreeves was sent to the Reform School for pure-snatching three years ago. He escaped twice. Last November he leaped from a second-story window with another negro and the police have been looking for him since.

ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL.

"You mentioned me for Presidency yesterday," said Shreeves. "I did."

"And I immediately bought drinks for seventeen big loafers."

"Let it pass, and now you want \$2?"

"Two and a half."

"Well, I'm here to state that I have withdrawn from politics," Houston Chronicle.

The Palais Royal

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See the reproduction of the Mount Vernon Sarcophagus, the superb American eagle and the flag decorations of the great rotunda.

39c Bunting Flags—they are not all wool, but are fast colors. Think of only 39c for 4-foot flag, on long staff with gilt spear-head.

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\$5 Hats, \$4.50

\$1 VEILS, 29c

The new \$5 Hats to wear with tailor suits are trimmed with fancy wings and highly ornamented pins. To be \$4.50 for tomorrow's morning hours.

The Veils have fancy meshes, plain and dotted. Best of Paris Veils intended to retail at \$4, for only 29c.

Wide Mull Ties, 25c

The latest are of sheer mull, very wide, with embroidered ends. The colors include white, black, sky, navy, brown, lavender, pink, and red.

15c is a price surprise for 50c quality laundered Linen Cloths, plain with scalloped and embroidered edges. The correct stripes, combining white and various colors.

25c for the correct "Merry Widow" Bow of best silk, in all colors. Wear the correct "M. W."—beware of the silly imitations that follow a success.

Gloves, 94c

Some Worth \$2

The Long Glace Kid Gloves are extra good value at \$2. The 1 and 2-clasp English Cape Tan and French Kid Gloves are worth \$1.50 pair. All colors and all sizes for ladies and gentlemen. Only 94c pair—for 4½ hours.

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\$3.00 \$6.00 \$7.00

Worth \$5 Worth \$7 Worth \$10

At \$3, instead of \$5, are Net Waists, in white and ecru, elaborately lace trimmed and lined with silk; at \$6, instead of \$7, are Panama Cloth Skirts, three new models, in black and colors; at \$7, instead of \$10, are Black Voile Skirts, with new gore flare and taffeta silk bands.

Lowney's Chocolates, 10c Box

Peanut Brittle, 10c Lb.

Roller Skates, 29c

Saturday is always a day for mothers and their children. See below for tomorrow's more practical attractions and don't forget to bring the children before 1 p. m.

\$3.98 for Girls' \$5 Cloth Coats, sizes 2 to 14 years. Suits with styles for all ages.

50c for Children's best Aprons, Waist and Hubbard styles, lace and embroidery trimmed. Sizes 2 to 12 years.

\$1.29 for Children's new \$3 Wash Dresses, of percale with platings in contrasting colors. All sizes.

\$1.98 for little boys' new Russian Suits with bloomers. White and colors, in sizes 2 to 6 years.

\$1.79 for Baby's long and short Coats, of cream Bedford cord, with full ruffle cape, braid and ribbon trimmed. Lined throughout.

25c for pretty tight-fitting Caps. Some worth 50c.

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AND